

Full Delegation Meeting
11/5/13
Valley Regional Hospital, Buckley Conference Room, Claremont

Delegation Members Present: Reps. John Cloutier, James Grenier, Philip “Joe” Osgood, Andrew Schmidt, Cynthia Sweeney, Steven Smith, Ray Gagnon

Delegation Members Absent: Reps. Suzanne Gottling, Virginia Irwin, Benjamin Lefebvre, Andrew O’Hearne, Skip Rollins, Linda Tanner

Special Guests: Senator David Pierce, Peter Wright CEO, Valley Regional Hospital

Mr. Wright noted consequences of Anthems exclusion:

- Dartmouth Hitchcock cannot handle the extra volume of patients,
- It would be 30-40 miles for your continuants in Sullivan County to travel for care,
- High risk pool patients common in Claremont, and
- Transportation is a problem in Claremont,
- Fundamental problem is that Anthem is the sole exchange carrier and is taking unfair advantage of its monopoly position as sole carrier. Also, Anthem neither notified, nor, consulted Valley Regional Hospital in advance of its decision.

John Tomlinson, Anesthetist.

Bob Bassett MD, Orthopaedic Surgeon, noted *“We deserve access to Obama Care as matter of justice”*.

Ralph Olsen and Laura Hagley, noted *“Reliable transportation is a problem for many patients now”*.

Mike O’Connell, Valley Regional Trustee and River Valley Community College Community Professor, noted *“a lot of my students can’t afford gas for their cars now.”*

Rep. Andrew Schmidt
Clerk

Date Approved: _____